

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff(s),

v.

404,374.12 IN BANK FUNDS SEIZED
FROM NATIONAL BANK OF
ARIZONA ACCOUNT 0178, et al.

Defendant(s).

CASE NO:

2:18-cv-08423-RGK-PJW

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING
NEWLY ASSIGNED CASES**

READ THIS ORDER CAREFULLY. IT CONTROLS THIS CASE.

This action has been assigned to the calendar of Judge R. Gary Klausner. The responsibility for the progress of litigation in the Federal Courts falls not only upon the attorneys in the action, but upon the Court as well. "To secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action," Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 1, all counsel are hereby ordered to familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, particularly Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16, 26, the Local Rules of the Central District of California, this Court's Order for Jury Trial, and this

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1 Court's Order for Court Trial.¹

2 **UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT, THE**
 3 **FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY:**

4 **1. Service of the Complaint.** The Plaintiff(s) shall promptly serve the
 5 Complaint in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and file the proofs of service
 6 pursuant to Local Rule. Any Defendant(s) not timely served shall be dismissed
 7 from the action without prejudice. Any "DOE" or fictitiously-named Defendant(s)
 8 who is not identified and served within 90 days after the case is filed shall be
 9 dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m).

10 **2. Removed Actions.** Any answers filed in state court must be refiled
 11 in this Court as a supplement to the petition. Any pending motions must be
 12 re-noticed in accordance with Local Rules. If an action is removed to this Court
 13 that contains a form pleading, i.e., a pleading in which boxes are checked, the party
 14 or parties utilizing the form pleading must file an appropriate pleading with this
 15 Court within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Removal. The appropriate
 16 pleading referred to must comply with the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil
 17 Procedure, Rules 7, 7.1, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

18 **3. Petitions under 18 U.S.C. Section 983(f).** Petitioner(s) shall file and
 19 serve within 3 days of the date of this order an ex parte application requesting a
 20 hearing on the Petition to ensure prompt resolution of the Petition in compliance
 21 with section 983(f)'s deadlines.

22 **4. Presence of Lead Counsel.** The attorney attending any proceeding

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 24 ¹Copies of the Local Rules are available on our website at "<http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov>"
 or they may be purchased from one of the following:

25 Los Angeles Daily Journal
 26 915 East 1st Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

West Group
 610 Opperman Drive
 P.O. Box 64526
 St. Paul, MN 55164-0526

Metropolitan News
 210 South Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

1 before this Court, including all status and settlement conferences, must be the lead
2 trial counsel.

3 **5. Discovery.** All discovery matters have been referred to a United States
4 Magistrate Judge to hear all discovery disputes. (The Magistrate Judge's initials
5 follow the Judge's initials next to the case number.) All documents must include
6 the words "DISCOVERY MATTER" in the caption to ensure proper routing.
7 Counsel are directed to contact the Magistrate Judge's Courtroom Deputy Clerk
8 to schedule matters for hearing. Please do not deliver courtesy copies of these
9 papers to this Court.

10 The decision of the Magistrate Judge shall be final, subject to modification
11 by the District court only where it has been shown that the Magistrate Judge's
12 order is clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Any party may file and serve a motion
13 for review and reconsideration before this Court. The moving party must file and
14 serve the motion within ten (10) days of service of a written ruling or within ten
15 (10) days of an oral ruling that the Magistrate Judge states will not be followed by
16 a written ruling. The motion must specify which portions of the text are clearly
17 erroneous or contrary to law, and the claim must be supported by points and
18 authorities. Counsel shall deliver a conformed copy of the moving papers and
19 responses to the Magistrate Judge's clerk at the time of filing.

20 **6. Motions.** Motions shall be filed and set for hearing in accordance with
21 Local Rule 6-1, except that this Court hears motions on Mondays commencing at
22 9:00 a.m. If Monday is a national holiday, this Court will hear motions on the
23 succeeding Tuesday. If the date the motion was noticed for hearing is not available,
24 the Court will issue a minute order resetting the date. Any opposition or reply
25 papers due on a holiday are due the preceding Friday, not the following Tuesday.

26 **Memoranda of Points and Authorities in support of or in opposition to**
27 **motions shall not exceed 20 pages. Replies shall not exceed 10 pages. Only**
28 **in rare instances and for good cause shown will the Court agree to extend these**

1 page limitations.

2 Pursuant to Local Rule 11-3.1.1, either a proportionally spaced or monospaced
3 font may be used. A proportionally spaced font must be 14-point or larger, or as
4 the Court may otherwise order. A monospaced font may not contain more than
5 10½ characters per inch.

6 **Motions, Oppositions, and Replies shall be electronically filed only.**

7 **Parties shall not file courtesy copies. With the exception of physical exhibits,**
8 **all documents supporting the motion, opposition, or reply (e.g., declarations,**
9 **exhibits, statements of undisputed or disputed facts, judicial notices) shall also**
10 **be electronically filed only, and filed as attachments to the corresponding**
11 **brief. Furthermore, each supporting document shall be filed as an individual**
12 **attachment, such that each document can be accessed by its own individual**
13 **link. Each attachment shall be designated by the title of the document.**

14 *Example (Docket Entry for Defendant's Notice of Motion and Motion for*
15 *Summary Judgment):*

16 **Document Selection Menu**

17 Select the document you wish to view.

18 **Document Number:** 100 23 pages 150 kb

Attachment	Description		
<u>1</u>	Separate Statement of Undisputed Facts	10 pages	50 kb
<u>2</u>	Declaration of Bob Smith	4 pages	30 kb
<u>3</u>	Exhibit A - Purchase Agreement	5 pages	1.2 kb
<u>4</u>	Exhibit B - Jones Deposition	10 pages	0.9 kb
<u>5</u>	Exhibit C - Thomas Declaration	3 pages	23 kb
<u>6</u>	Proposed Order	2 pages	20 kb

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1 **Within the parties' briefs, any reference to information or evidence contained**
 2 **in the supporting documents shall contain the documents' specific docket**
 3 **entry numbers in the citation.** *Example: Plaintiff and Defendant executed the*
 4 *Purchase Agreement on January 2, 2010. (Purchase Agreement, Smith Decl., Ex. A*
 5 *at p.5, Docket Entry 100-3.)*

6 Motions for Summary Judgment: Without prior permission from the Court,
 7 no party may file more than one motion pursuant to Fed.R.Civ. P. 56 regardless
 8 of whether such motion is denominated as a motion for summary judgment or
 9 summary adjudication.

10 Motions to Dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6): Where a defendant
 11 has filed a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, and in lieu of filing an opposition, the plaintiff
 12 intends to file an amended complaint, the plaintiff shall file either the Amended
 13 Complaint or a Notice of Intent to File Amended Complaint prior to the date on
 14 which the opposition is due. Failure to do so may result in sanctions.

15 **7. Proposed Orders.** Each party filing or opposing a motion or seeking
 16 the determination of any matter (*e.g.*, ex parte applications, stipulations, and general
 17 requests) shall electronically file and lodge a proposed order setting forth the relief
 18 or action sought and a brief statement of the rationale for the decision with
 19 appropriate citations.

20 **8. Preparation of Documents/PDF.** Counsel shall adhere to Local Rule
 21 5-4.3.1 with respect to the conversion of all documents to a PDF so that when
 22 a document is electronically filed, it is in the proper size and format that is **PDF**
 23 **searchable.**

24 **9. Telephonic Hearings.** The Court does not permit appearances or
 25 arguments by way of telephone conference calls.

26 **10. Ex Parte Applications.** The Court considers ex parte applications
 27 on the papers and does not usually set these matters for hearing. If a hearing is
 28 necessary, the parties will be notified. Ex parte applications are solely for

1 extraordinary relief and should be used with discretion. Sanctions may be imposed
2 for misuse of ex parte applications. See Mission Power Engineering Co. v.
3 Continental Casualty Co., 883 F.Supp. 488 (C.D. Cal. 1995).

4 Counsel's attention is directed to the Local Rules. The moving party shall
5 serve the opposing party and shall notify the opposition that opposing papers must
6 be filed not later than 3:00 p.m. on the first business day following service. If
7 counsel does not intend to oppose an ex parte application, he or she must inform
8 the Courtroom Deputy Clerk at (213) 894-2649.

9 **11. Continuances.** This Court has a strong interest in keeping scheduled
10 dates certain. Changes in dates are disfavored. Trial dates set by the Court are firm
11 and will rarely be changed. Therefore, a stipulation to continue the date of any
12 matter before this Court **must** be supported by a sufficient basis that demonstrates
13 good cause why the change in the date is essential. Without such compelling
14 factual support, stipulations continuing dates set by this Court will not be approved.
15 Counsel requesting a continuance must file a stipulation and lodge a proposed
16 order including a **detailed** declaration of the grounds for the requested continuance
17 or extension of time. See Local Rules. Failure to comply with the Local Rules and
18 this Order will result in rejection of the request without further notice to the parties.
19 Proposed stipulations extending scheduling dates do not become effective unless
20 and until this Court so orders. Counsel wishing to know whether a stipulation has
21 been signed shall comply with the applicable Local Rule.

22 **12. Communications with Chambers.** Counsel shall not attempt to
23 contact the Court or its staff by telephone or by any other ex parte means. Counsel
24 may contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk with appropriate inquiries only. Counsel
25 shall not contact the Courtroom Deputy regarding status of ex parte application/
26 ruling or stipulation/ruling.

27 **13. Order Setting Scheduling Conference.** Pursuant to Federal Rule
28 of Civil Procedure 16(b), the Court will issue an Order setting a Scheduling

1 Conference as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 and the Local Rules
 2 of this Court. Strict compliance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16 and 26
 3 is required.

4 **14. Notice of this Order.** Counsel for plaintiff or plaintiff (if appearing on
 5 his or her own behalf) shall immediately serve this Order on all parties, including
 6 any new parties to the action. If this case came to the Court by a Petition for
 7 Removal, the removing defendant(s) shall serve this Order on all other parties.

8 **15. Courtesy Copies.** Courtesy copies are not required with documents
 9 traditionally filed over the intake counter. Courtesy copies **shall** be submitted
 10 for the following electronically filed documents: (1) Stipulations; (2) Ex Parte
 11 Applications; and (3) the following Final Pre-Trial Documents: Motions in Limine,
 12 Memoranda of Contention of Fact and Law, Witness Lists, Joint Succinct Statement
 13 of the Case, Voir Dire Questions (if the parties choose to submit any), and Jury
 14 Instructions. These courtesy copies shall be delivered to the judge's courtesy
 15 copy drop box located outside of the Clerk's Office, Room 181L, no later than
 16 the following business day after the electronic filing. Courtesy copies **shall not**
 17 be submitted for any other electronically filed documents.

18 **16. Applications to File Documents Under Seal.** For detailed instructions
 19 and information on the procedures for filing documents under seal, please refer
 20 to Local Rule 79–5 *Confidential Court Records - Under Seal*. With regard to
 21 Under-seal Documents in Non-sealed Civil Cases (L.R. 79-5.2.2), the filing party
 22 shall not provide a chambers or courtesy copy of the Application or any associated
 23 documents. Please bear in mind that all applications must (1) indicate which
 24 portions of the documents to be filed under seal are confidential; and (2) provide
 25 reason(s) as to why the parties' interest to file the document(s) under seal outweighs
 26 the public's right to access. If a party submits an application to file under seal
 27 pursuant to a protective order only (i.e., no other reason is given), **the Court**
 28 **will automatically deny the application** if the party designating the material as

1 confidential does not file a declaration pursuant to L.R. 79-5.2.2(b)(i). This
2 declaration shall be entitled: "DESIGNATING PARTY'S DECLARATION IN
3 SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO FILE UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO
4 PROTECTIVE ORDER".

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 DATED: October 5, 2018

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R. Gary Klausner
United States District Judge